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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SPOKANE

In re METROPOLITAN SECURITIES
LITIGATION

No. CV-04-0025-FVS

**THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:
ALL ACTIONS**

PLAINTIFFS' MEMORANDUM
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF
SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE
CLASS AND DEFENDANT
ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Hearing Date: March 26, 2010
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I. INTRODUCTION

In this motion, the Class hereby moves for preliminary approval of the settlement of its claims against Defendant Ernst & Young (“E&Y”). Class Counsel has engaged in negotiations with E&Y for months, resulting in a

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1 settlement for \$14.25 million. Class Counsel strongly believes that this settlement
 2 is in the best interests of the Class as a whole. Class Counsel therefore requests
 3 that the Court approve the settlement.

4 In connection with that approval, as explained below, the Class also requests
 5 that the Court (1) delay consideration of the form and manner of notice until trial
 6 or other resolution of the claims against the other Defendants, and (2) in the
 7 meantime, provide E&Y the peace it has settled for by bifurcating the Class claims
 8 against E&Y and preliminarily barring claims against E&Y pending consideration
 9 of whether to finally approve the settlement. For the reasons outlined below, the
 10 Class believes that these are necessary steps in approving this settlement given the
 11 present circumstances.

12 The Class does note that, given the fact that they reached an agreement in
 13 principle with PricewaterhouseCoopers (“PwC”) on February 22, 2010, some of
 14 the provisions of the E&Y settlement and the proposed orders submitted in
 15 connection with this motion will become moot if the Court approves the PwC
 16 settlement and the Class reaches agreement with the remaining individual
 17 Defendants. However, given that the PwC settlement is not final, that there is as of
 18 this filing no agreement with the remaining Defendants, that the potentially moot
 19 provisions regarding allocation of fault are part of the Settlement Agreement, and
 20 that the Class had agreed to submit approval papers to the Court no later than
 21 February 23, 2010, the Class requests entry of the proposed orders as agreed to by
 22 the Class and E&Y. The Class additionally notes that the proposed orders are
 23 nearly identical to the orders recently entered by the Court in connection with the
 24 Roth settlement.

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II. FACTS

A. The Negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.

The Settlement Agreement is the product of several months' worth of negotiations between E&Y and the Class. E&Y and the Class first participated in a joint mediation session between Roth, PwC, and E&Y before Ret. Judge Layn Phillips in June 2009. Declaration of Tyler Weaver in Support of Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement (“Weaver Decl.”), ¶ 4. E&Y and the Class did not reach agreement during that mediation but in late January 2010, following the Court’s ruling on the cross-motions for summary judgment on issues related to loss causation, resumed discussions. *Id.* After a second formal mediation on February 8, 2010, the Class and E&Y reached final agreement on February 22, 2010. *Id.*

B. The Amount of the Settlement and the Terms and Conditions of Payment

The essential term of the Settlement Agreement is that in return for the payment of \$14.25 million, the Class will release all claims against E&Y.

The Settlement Agreement is expressly conditioned on the entry of a number of orders by this Court:

- An order preliminarily approving the Settlement and enjoining the assertion of claims against E&Y by other defendants or third parties.
- Entry of a bar order upon final approval of the Settlement.
- An order bifurcating claims against E&Y.
- Notice to the Class following trial of the Class' remaining claims.
- An order of final approval from the Court.

In this motion, Plaintiffs seek only preliminary approval, bifurcation of claims against E&Y, and a stay on claims against E&Y pending consideration of

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1 whether the Court should enter a final approval order and a bar order in connection
 2 with final approval of the Settlement.

3 **C. Claims Released by the Class and by E&Y.**

4 The Settlement Agreement provides that the Class will release E&Y, and its
 5 officers and agents, from all known and unknown claims of any nature that the
 6 Class has against them arising out of the subject matter of this class action.
 7 Agreement, ¶ IV.A.

8 **D. Bar on Claims against E&Y.**

9 By entering into the Settlement Agreement, E&Y made clear to the Class
 10 that its objective was to buy peace not only from the claims of Class but also from
 11 claims of other defendants and any claims that might be brought against E&Y by
 12 third parties. Accordingly, E&Y requested a provision similar to a provision in the
 13 recent Roth settlement, to which the Class agreed, obligating the Class to request
 14 the entry of a Court order barring any such third-party claims against it, and also
 15 barring claims of contribution by the defendants who have not settled.

16 The Class requests that the Court enter as part of its preliminary approval an
 17 order that temporarily bars the remaining defendants in this case from asserting
 18 claims against E&Y, pending consideration of final approval. The Class believes
 19 that such an order would be appropriate pending the resolution this litigation and
 20 the consideration of final approval, in order to avoid unnecessary litigation prior to
 21 and during trial, before the parties know whether (and to what extent) any other
 22 defendants actually have claims to assert against E&Y.

23 When the Class comes before this Court for an order finally approving the
 24 settlement, the Class will seek entry of a permanent bar order pursuant to Ninth
 25 Circuit law, including *Franklin v. Kaypro*, 884 F.2d 1222 (9th Cir. 1989).
 26 Agreement, ¶ VI.B. *See also* Ex. C to Agreement. However, the Court does not

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1 now, on this motion, need to consider whether a final bar order would be
 2 appropriate.

3 **E. Bifurcation of Claims Pending Trial.**

4 As a condition to settlement, E&Y also demanded, and the Class agreed, that
 5 the Settlement should be conditioned on E&Y's ability to avoid having to try the
 6 claims against it after having (presumably) a settlement that the Court has
 7 preliminarily approved. The timing and nature of the Settlement makes it
 8 essentially impossible – prior to trial – to secure preliminary approval of the
 9 Settlement, provide notice to the Class, allow sufficient time for the Class to decide
 10 whether to object to the Settlement, and allow the Court time to consider whether
 11 to finally approve the Settlement. Therefore, in order for E&Y to receive peace
 12 under the Settlement and not be required to defend claims that it has settled, the
 13 Class requests that the Court enter an order bifurcating the Class' claims against
 14 E&Y pending consideration of final approval.

15 **F. The Duty to Cooperate**

16 In addition, E&Y has agreed to reasonably cooperate with counsel for the
 17 Class to obtain final approval of this settlement, and has also agreed to in pursuit of
 18 their claims against the remaining defendants by producing E&Y auditor Jack
 19 Behrens at trial, subject to E&Y's exercise of any legal privileges. Agreement, ¶
 20 IX.A.

21 **G. Notice to the Class.**

22 In more conventional circumstances, the Class would move for approval of a
 23 form and manner of notice to the Class in connection with this motion for
 24 preliminary approval. However, because the Settlement only resolves claims
 25 against one defendant, and does so shortly before potential of the claims against
 26 remaining defendants, the Class hereby requests that the Court preliminarily

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1 approve the Settlement but leave the issue of the form and manner of notice to the
 2 Class until the earlier of (i) final resolution of claims against the remaining
 3 Defendants, or (ii) June 15, 2010, subject to the parties' agreement to a later date.
 4 Agreement, ¶ V.B. It is highly likely, given the recent agreement with PwC and
 5 the possible resolution of the entire case if Plaintiffs are able to resolve their claims
 6 against the remaining defendants, that there will be another event requiring notice
 7 to the Class. It will be far more efficient, and far less confusing, to have a single
 8 notice that informs the Class of the full scope of those events.

9 III. ARGUMENT

10 A. Standards for Preliminary Approval.

11 The dismissal or compromise of any class action requires the Court's
 12 approval. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e). There are three steps to be taken by the Court in
 13 considering approval of a proposed class-action settlement: (1) the Court must
 14 preliminarily approve the proposed settlement; (2) members of the class must be
 15 given notice of the proposed settlement; and (3) a final hearing must be held, after
 16 which the Court must decide whether the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable
 17 and adequate. *See Manual For Complex Litigation (Fourth)* § 21.632, at 320-21
 18 (2004).

19 The primary question raised by a request for preliminary approval is whether
 20 the proposed settlement is "within the range of possible approval." *Id.*, § 21.632 at
 21 321. Preliminary approval does not require the Court to answer the ultimate
 22 question of whether a proposed settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate. Rather,
 23 that decision is made only at the final approval stage, after notice of the settlement
 24 has been given to the members of the Class and they have had an opportunity to
 25 voice their view of the settlements. Preliminary approval is merely the prerequisite
 26 to giving notice so that members of a class have "a full and fair opportunity to

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1 consider the proposed [settlement] and develop a response.” *Williams v. Vukavich*,
 2 720 F.2d 909, 921 (6th Cr. 1983).

3 Courts have consistently noted that the standard for preliminary approval is
 4 less rigorous than the analysis at final approval. Preliminary approval is
 5 appropriate so long as the proposed settlement falls “within the range of possible
 6 judicial approval.” A. Conte & H.B. Newberg, *Newberg on Class Actions*, § 11.25
 7 (4th ed. 2002), quoting *Manual for Complex Litigation Third* § 30.41 (1997). The
 8 purpose of the preliminary approval process is for the Court to ascertain whether
 9 reason exists to proceed by notifying the class members of the settlement and to
 10 hold a fairness hearing. *See, e.g., Armstrong v. Board of School Directors*, 616
 11 F.2d 305, 314 (7th Cir. 1980). In considering whether to grant a motion for
 12 preliminary approval of a proposed settlement agreement, the court utilizes a
 13 “threshold inquiry” intended merely to realize conspicuous defects. *See, e.g., In re*
 14 *Inter-Op Hip Prosthesis Liab. Litig.*, 204 F.R.D. 330, 337-38 (N.D. Ohio 2001).

15 Unless the Court’s initial examination “disclose[s] grounds to doubt its
 16 fairness or other obvious deficiencies,” the Court should order that notice of a
 17 formal fairness hearing be given to settlement class members under Rule 23(e).
 18 *See Manual For Complex Litigation (Fourth)*, § 21.633 at 321-22.

19 Moreover, the opinion of experienced counsel supporting the settlement is
 20 entitled to considerable weight. *See id.* Here, experienced counsel for the Class
 21 has concluded that the proposed partial settlement is in the best interests of the
 22 Class, as explained below. The Settlement merits preliminary approval.

23 **1. The Settlement Is the Result of Non-Collusive Negotiations.**

24 The proposed Settlement is the result of serious, informed, non-collusive
 25 negotiations. As described above and in the Weaver Declaration, Class Counsel
 26 and counsel for E&Y participated in a formal mediation in June 2009, followed by

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1 a second formal mediation on February 8, 2010. The parties conducted the
 2 negotiations almost exclusively through Ret. Judge Layn Phillips.

3 **2. The Settlement Falls Within the Range of Possible Approval.**

4 Class Counsel, with the guidance of the Lead Plaintiffs, exercised their
 5 judgment based on extensive knowledge of the facts of the case and the legal
 6 issues facing the Class, as well as judgments about the strengths and weaknesses of
 7 the case. After an extensive analysis, Class Counsel concluded that the terms of
 8 the Settlement Agreement are fair, just, and adequate. *See* Weaver Decl., ¶ 6.

9 Class Counsel is, of course, extremely well-versed in the facts and legal
 10 issues to be tried in this case, having undergone years of discovery, including
 11 reviewing hundreds of thousands of pages of discovery produced by parties in this
 12 case and related cases, taking or reviewing hundreds of depositions and trial
 13 transcripts in this case and related cases, and engaging in extensive expert
 14 discovery. Class Counsel's recommendation of the Settlement also takes into
 15 account all of the Court's recent rulings, including the *Daubert* motions decided
 16 after this settlement was reached in principle.

17 **3. Class Counsel Does Not Seek an Award of Fees or Costs at This
 18 Time**

19 Class Counsel does not now move for a payment of fees or costs under the
 20 Settlement. Class Counsel will file the appropriate motion for determination of
 21 fees and costs in connection with final approval of the Settlement. The Settlement
 22 is not conditioned on the Court's approval of an award of a particular or minimum
 23 amount of fees and costs.

24 **4. The Court Should Bifurcate Claims against E&Y and
 25 Preliminarily Bar Claims against E&Y Pending Final Approval**

26 The Class also requests that the Court enter two related orders that are
 necessary to protect E&Y and effectuate the Settlement. The reasons underlying

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1 this request are that the Settlement does not resolve all claims against all
 2 defendants in this case, trial is less than one month away, and there is no chance
 3 that the Settlement will (or could) be finally approved prior to any trial given the
 4 time necessary for notice and comment from Class members. In these
 5 circumstances, it is reasonable for E&Y to request, and the Court to grant, certain
 6 protections that would allow the parties to litigate the Class claims in the event the
 7 Settlement is not finally approved, yet not require it to participate as a defendant in
 8 any trial.

9 To that end, the Settlement is conditioned in part on the entry of an order
 10 bifurcating the Class claims against E&Y pending consideration of final approval.
 11 This order, as set out in Exhibit B to the Agreement, severs the Class claims
 12 against E&Y from the claims against the other defendants. The result may be a
 13 trial on those claims against other parties, in which E&Y does not participate as a
 14 defendant. This protects E&Y yet does not prejudice any other defendant, as at
 15 any trial the other defendants will have the opportunity to defend their claims and
 16 attempt, should they choose, to argue that E&Y is liable for a portion of the
 17 damages.

18 Additionally, the Settlement is conditioned on entry of an order that
 19 preliminarily bars the other Defendants from stating claims against E&Y prior to
 20 the Court's consideration of final approval of the Settlement and a permanent bar
 21 order. This is also reasonable in the circumstances, given that the other defendants
 22 will not even know, until after any trial, whether they have a claim against E&Y,
 23 much less how much that claim might be worth. In fact, as of the filing of this
 24 motion, it appears likely that no defendant will have a claim for contribution
 25 against E&Y.

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1 **B. It Is Appropriate to Propose and Distribute Class Notice After Trial**

2 Rule 23(e)(1) requires, in the event of any proposed settlement or
 3 compromise of a class action, that the class that would be bound by the settlement
 4 receive “direct notice in a reasonable manner” before the settlement can be finally
 5 approved. Typically, notice follows close on the heels of preliminary approval and
 6 is part of the preliminary approval process. However, Class Counsel believe that
 7 the timing of this partial settlement before trial, and in the midst of possible
 8 resolution of the entire matter, it is in the best interests of the Class to delay notice
 9 until after trial or the resolution of all remaining claims against the remaining
 10 Defendants.

11 **IV. CONCLUSION**

12 For the foregoing reasons, respectfully request that the Court enter the
 13 Proposed Orders, which will provide: (i) preliminary approval of the settlement;
 14 (ii) bifurcation of the Class’s claims against E&Y; and (iii) an order barring the
 15 remaining defendants from asserting claims against E&Y pending the outcome of
 16 the trial and final approval of the Settlement, whichever is later.

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 18 Dated this 23rd day of February, 2010.

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